

What is claimed is:

1. A system for monitoring configuration changes in a document processing device comprising:

means adapted for receiving a configuration change signal representative of a requested configuration change for an associated document processing device;

means adapted for generating notification signal representative of the requested configuration change for the associated document processing device;

identifier data storage means adapted for storing identifier data representative of contact information for at least one supervisor; and

means adapted for directing data representative of the notification signal to the at least one supervisor after receipt of a configuration change signal.

2. The system for monitoring configuration changes of claim 1 further comprising:

means adapted for receiving user data representative of an identity of a user requesting a configure change; and

means adapted for communicating the user data to the at least one supervisor after receipt of a configuration change signal.

3. The system for monitoring configuration changes of claim 2 further comprising authentication means adapted for verifying the identity of the user requesting a change configuration and that the user is authorized to request the configuration change.

4. The system for monitoring configuration changes of claim 3 wherein, upon the verification of the identity of the user and that the user is authorized to request the configuration change, the configuration of the document processing device is altered according to the configuration change request.

5. The system for monitoring configuration changes of claim 4 wherein in the event that at least one of the identity of the user requesting the configuration change is not verified and the user is not authorized to request the configuration change, the configuration of the document processing device is not altered.

6. The system for monitoring configuration changes of claim 1 further comprising means adapted for directing the data representative of the notification signal to the at least one supervisor via at least one of a an SMTP message and a TCP message.

7. The system for monitoring configuration changes of claim 6 wherein the identifier data includes at least one of an electronic mail address and an IP address.

8. The system for monitoring configuration changes of claim 1 further comprising means adapted for selecting which configuration change requests a notification signal will be generated.

9. The system for monitoring configuration changes of claim 1 further comprising means adapted for selecting the parameters of the notification signal.

10. A method for monitoring configuration changes in a document processing device comprising the steps of:

receiving a configuration change signal representative of a requested configuration change for an associated document processing device;
generating notification signal representative of the requested configuration change for the associated document processing device;
storing identifier data representative of contact information for at least one supervisor in an associated data storage means; and
directing data representative of the notification signal to the at least one supervisor after receipt of a configuration change signal.

11. The method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 10 further comprising:

receiving user data representative of an identity of a user requesting a configure change; and

communicating the user data to the at least one supervisor after receipt of a configuration change signal.

12. The method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 11 further comprising the step of verifying the identity of the user requesting a change configuration and that the user is authorized to request the configuration change.

13. The method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 12 wherein, upon the verification of the identity of the user and that the user is authorized to request the configuration change, altering the configuration of the document processing device according to the configuration change request.

14. The method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 12 wherein in the event that at least one of the identity of the user requesting the configuration change is not verified and the user is not authorized to request the configuration change, the configuration of the document processing device is not altered.

15. The method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 10 further comprising the step of directing the data representative of the notification signal to the at least one supervisor via at least one of a an SMTP message and a TCP message.

16. The method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 15 wherein the identifier data includes at least one of an electronic mail address and an IP address.

17. The method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 10 further comprising the step of selecting which configuration change requests a notification signal will be generated.

18. The method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 10 further comprising the step of selecting the parameters of the notification signal.

19. A computer-readable medium for monitoring configuration changes in a document processing device comprising:

- means adapted for receiving a configuration change signal representative of a requested configuration change for an associated document processing device;
- means adapted for generating notification signal representative of the requested configuration change for the associated document processing device;
- identifier data storage means adapted for storing identifier data representative of contact information for at least one supervisor; and
- means adapted for directing data representative of the notification signal to the at least one supervisor after receipt of a configuration change signal.

20. The computer-readable medium for monitoring configuration changes of claim 19 further comprising:

- means adapted for receiving user data representative of an identity of a user requesting a configure change; and
- means adapted for communicating the user data to the at least one supervisor after receipt of a configuration change signal.

21. The computer-readable medium for monitoring configuration changes of claim 20 further comprising authentication means adapted for verifying the identity of the user requesting a change configuration and that the user is authorized to request the configuration change.

22. The computer-readable medium for monitoring configuration changes of claim 21 wherein, upon the verification of the identity of the user and that the user is authorized to request the configuration change, the configuration of the document processing device is altered according to the configuration change request.

23. The computer-readable medium for monitoring configuration changes of claim 21 wherein in the event that at least one of the identity of the user requesting the configuration change is not verified and the user is not authorized to request the configuration change, the configuration of the document processing device is not altered.

24. The computer-readable medium for monitoring configuration changes of claim 19 further comprising means adapted for directing the data representative of the notification signal to the at least one supervisor via at least one of a an SMTP message and a TCP message.

25. A computer-implemented method for monitoring configuration changes in a document processing device comprising the steps of:

receiving a configuration change signal representative of a requested configuration change for an associated document processing device;
generating notification signal representative of the requested configuration change for the associated document processing device;
storing identifier data representative of contact information for at least one supervisor in an associated data storage means; and
directing data representative of the notification signal to the at least one supervisor after receipt of a configuration change signal.

26. The computer-implemented method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 25 further comprising:

receiving user data representative of an identity of a user requesting a configure change; and
communicating the user data to the at least one supervisor after receipt of a configuration change signal.

27. The computer-implemented method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 26 further comprising the step of verifying the identity of the user requesting a change configuration and that the user is authorized to request the configuration change.

28. The computer-implemented method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 27 wherein, upon the verification of the identity of the user and that the user is authorized to request the configuration change, altering the configuration of the document processing device according to the configuration change request.

• 29. The computer-implemented method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 27 wherein in the event that at least one of the identity of the user requesting the configuration change is not verified and the user is not authorized to request the configuration change, the configuration of the document processing device is not altered.

30. The computer-implemented method for monitoring configuration changes of claim 25 further comprising the step of directing the data representative of the notification signal to the at least one supervisor via at least one of a an SMTP message and a TCP message.